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Relocation of the Defective Material Assist Team

The Defective Material Assist Team has relocated from Naval Station to the ATAC Hub, Building 661-3, NAS North Island. If you need assistance preparing your Quality Deficiency Reports (QDR's) and a location to off load your QDR Exhibits, the DMAT will assist you. The DMAT will assist in the reporting, monitoring, and temporary storage of defective material pending final disposition from the inventory manager, at no cost to you.

Defective material, regardless of its value, affects material readiness. It is essential that all Supply and Maintenance personnel place appropriate attention on identifying and purging defective material from stock. In some cases, defective low cost items cause failures in our more critical systems. Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, San Diego of-

fers the services of the DMAT to relieve our customers of the burdens associated with reporting defective material.

DMAT assists customers with the off-load, storage, reporting, follow-up and distribution of defective material. It also collects turn-in and credit data in order to provide reports that the customer may request. You may reach the DMAT by calling 545-8373 (DSN-735) or beeper 982-0542 from 0600 to 1430 Monday through Friday. Point of Contact is Henry Magalong.

You can also utilize the ATAC Contractor (Morrison Knudsen) to pick up your Defective Material using a DD1348-1 with DMAT in the ship-to block and BQD as the Document Identifier, locally in San Diego, phone 435-4147 if you have any questions.

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PHONE #S **Broadway HOs** Comm (619) + ext or DSN 522 + ext Commanding Officer 532-2203 **Executive Officer** 532-2202 Customer Services Officer 532-2099 Administration 532-2015 **TQL** Coordinator 532-1689 **Training** 532-2038 Public Affairs "FLASH" 532-1931 **HAZMAT** Security 532-3302 Mat. Anlys. Plant Srvc. Recds, Recon, AVDLR Mgmt. 545-4163 Safety 532-2642 Material Mgmt. **Naval Station San Diego** NIF Stores Comm (619) + ext or DSN 526 + ext Warehousing Suppt. Rec. Site Director 556-0399 Pre-expended Bin Customer Services Officer 556-0401 **NAS Miramar** Customer Info Center 556-FISC(3472) Comm (619) + ext or DSN 577 SERVMART Store 556-2795 **SERVMARTOPS** 556-3687 Supply Officer **SKCM** 556-0412 Customer Service **FAX** 556-0436/7 Purchase SERVMART Store SIMA San Diego Shipping COMM (619) + ext or DSN 526 Receiving Site Director 556-2138 **HAZMIN** Center Customer Services Officer 556-6441 Pt Loma Complex Customer Services 556-2163 FAX 556-2156 Comm (619) + ext or DSN 533 Purchase 556-2147 Fuel Area Delivery 556-1902/1904 Purchase **FMS** NAS North Island Comm (619) + ext or DSN 735 MCAS El Toro Site Director 545-3718 Comm (714) + ext or DSN 997 + ext Customer Services Officer 545-2965 Customer Service Customer Services 545-2965 **SERVMART Store** FAX 545-5565/4501 FAX Purchase 545-4139 **Duty Officer** SERVMART Store 545-9968 **MCAS Yuma ATACHUB** 545-8376 Comm (520) + ext or DSN 951 + ext Area Delivery 556-0440 Customer Service Shipping/Packing 545-7448 FAX **NADEP North Island** Supply Officer Comm (619) + ext or DSN 735 Customer Services Officer Industrial Support Div. 545-4142 **SERVMART Store** E2/C2, VRT, Field Srvc. 545-0701 Lead Enlisted/Cust. Service F/A-18 545-2441 Station Duty Off. (after hours) 341-2252 Engines/Components

545-4658

545-5091

545-4637

SS6-FISC

545-0474

545-4159

545-4118

545-4256

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FISC DET Ingleside TX

Customer Service

SERVMART Store

Supply Officer

FAX

Comm (512) + ext DSN 776 + ext.

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Avionics

Dynamic Components

Manufacturing, Mobile Facil. 545-3202

SIMA Ingleside TX

| Comm (512) + ext DSN 776 + ext. | | | |
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| Customer Service | 776-4309 | | |
| Supply Officer | 776-4332 | | |
| Asst. Supply Officer | 776-5516 | | |
| FAX | 776-4343 | | |

NAWS China Lake

| Comm (619) + ext or | DSN 437 + ext |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Customer Service | 939-3747/3748 |
| Supply Officer | 939-2997 |
| FAX | 939-5524 |

Miscellaneous

| Duty Officer | 556-0421 |
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| FISC Contracts | 532-3442 |
| Voice Response Status | 532-2280 |
| Provisions | 556-0408/9 |
| Medical Liasion Officer | 556-0445 |
| Fleet On-Line Assistance | 556-FISC |
| DMAT (beeper) | 982-0542 |
| HAZMAT | 556-6121 |
| Personal Property | 556-6683 |
| Consolidated Mail | 532-2803 |

Other Useful Numbers

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| DSO | 455-1070 |
| DSO FAX | 455-7066 |
| Food Mgmt. Team | 556-5651/2 |
| DPPSO | 556-7148 |
| | 556-7159 |
| DRMO | 437-9446 |
| NAVMTO SD DET | 545-8378 |
| NAVMTODSN | 564-8300 |
| | 564-7381 |
| Comm | 804-444-8300/7381 |
| QUICKTRANS | 435-0143 |
| NEXCOM Fleet Ass | ist 556-5725 |
| NFMT | 556-5652 |
| CNSP Expeditors | 556-1766 |
| CNSP SDO | 437-3333 |
| PWC Crane/Forklift | 556-7622 |
| PWC Dispatch | 556-7606 |
| ASO/SPCC | DSN 430-3500 |
| Comm | 717-790-2691/3155 |
| S9C | DSN 850-2271/3191 |
| S9T | DSN 444-3043/3042 |
| NFZ | DSN 442-0160 |
| S9G | DSN 695-4865 |
| S9I | DSN 442-2336 |

Reminder...

Contact FISC San Diego Customer Information Center (CIC) at COMM (619) 556-FISC or DSN 526-3472 for supply information such as requisition status, stock checks, shipping status (including transhipments), delivery and general supply questions. Voice net DSN 522-2280 or COMM (619) 532-2280.

DDDC Defense Distribution Depot

DDDC-

| Comm (619) + ext or DSN 526 | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|------------------|------------|
| D | Command | er | CDR W. D. Dolan | 556-7930 |
| DD | Deputy Di | r. | D. Wood | 556-7930 |
| S | Storage | | M. Inge | 556-8456 |
| E | Receiving | | LT K. Smith | 556-8535 |
| EM | MTIS | | C. Lawson | 556-7902 |
| T | Transptn | | LCDR B. Williams | 556-8455 |
| TD | Shipping | | M. Sammons | 556-7853 |
| X | Depot Sup | pt | C. Mott | 556-9961 |
| Fax Machine Numbers | | | | |
| DDDC | -D | (Bldg. | 322) | 556-7942 |
| DDDC | -E | (Bldg. | 3304) | 556-8520 |
| DDDC | -S | (Bldg. | 65) | 556-7868 |
| DDDC | -SM | (Bldg. | 3304) | . 556-9368 |
| DDDC- | -T | (Bldg. | 65) | 556-7868 |

(Bldg. 3304). 556-7854

MESSAGE ADDRESS: DDDC SAN DIEGO CA

FISC HOURS OF OPERATIONS

SERVMARTS

DDDC-TD

| NavSta San Diego | M-F | 0900 | 1500 |
|------------------|-----|------|------|
| | SAT | 0900 | 1300 |
| NAS North Island | M-F | 0900 | 1500 |
| NAS Miramar | M-F | 0900 | 1500 |
| MCAS El Toro | M-F | 0800 | 1500 |
| MCAS Yuma | M-F | 0730 | 1430 |

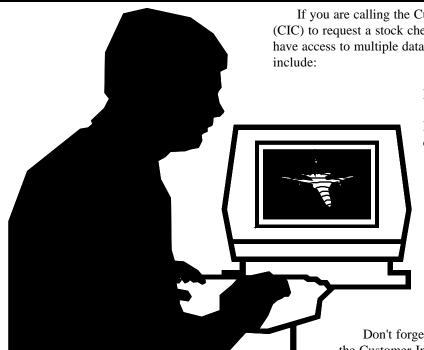
CUSTOMER SERVICES

| NavSta Site | M-SAT. | 0700 | 2400 |
|-------------|--------|------|------|
| | SUN | 0700 | 2000 |
| NI Site | M-F | 0730 | 1600 |
| Long Beach | M-F | 0715 | 1545 |

PROCUREMENT

| All site | es | . M-F | 0730 | 1600 |
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Tips from the (CIC)



If you are calling the Customer Information Center San Diego (CIC) to request a stock check, remember that FISC representatives have access to multiple databases to serve you better. Databases include:

- Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)

 Net.
- Virtual Material Stock Item Record (VMSIR) (world wide stock checks),
- Navy Inventory Control Point (NAVICP),
- Defense Distribution Depot (DDDC) San Diego,
 - North Island,
 - China Lake,
 - El Toro, and,
 - Ingleside.

Don't hesitate to call the CIC representatives and request your stock check.

Don't forget that your request is our interest! Call the Customer Information Center San Diego at (619) 556-3472 or DSN 526-3472. We are the **One Touch Supply**, you have been waiting for! We have twelve CIC representatives ready, willing and able to assist you.

Phone Calls and Customer Service

What would you do? Your phone rings, and it's a customer. A moment later, another customer appears at your desk. He grows impatient as you handle the call. How can you give quality service to them both?

In many instances, conversation with a live person would take precedence over a phone call. But, in this case, both are equally important. Here's how to handle such a dilemma:

- Acknowledge the customer who has arrived in person. Nobody likes to be ignored, so let the standing customer know you see him or her. Establish eye contact, smile, and indicate nonverbally that you'll be a moment. Or put the caller on hold, long enough to ask the in-person customer if he or she would mind waiting a moment while you finish with the other customer.
- Get back to the call. You're in the spotlight now. Most customers would be appalled at witnessing you being abrupt with another customer. So, give the caller sufficient time and attention.
- Terminate the call as soon as courtesy allows. Control the call by dissuading customer chat. If the call seems as if it's going to take a long time, ask the customer if you could call back in a few minutes. If you're polite, few people would mind -- unless they've been shuffled around prior to talking with you. If the customer agrees to a callback, make sure you do so as soon as possible.
- Most in-person customers will be patient when they know you're doing your best to get back to them. And they will respect the courtesy you show to callers. Remember that both customers are important and require your careful attention.



Customer Services Meetings...

To maximize the opportunity for customers to discuss matters of concern, FISC holds monthly Customer Service meetings at each site. The meetings are informal and are usually chaired by the Customer Services Officer. If customers desire discussion of specific topics with other key FISC personnel, we request advance notice be given to the Customer Services Officer prior to any monthly meeting.

The following topics were discussed at the November customer service meeting:

Naval Station Site

Habitability: The habitability team has been formed up and in place adjacent to the large conference room, 2nd floor, Bldg. 116, the team provides one-stop shopping for the fleet to plan and execute shipboard habitability projects. FISC naval architects work closely with ships force to determine needs and provide drawings reflecting new work, arrangements or modifications. Additional services include:

- Conform to OPNAV INST 9640.1
- Develop government estimates for price comparison.
- Post award administration/management of contracts during performance:

On-site inspections Adherence to schedule Proper Material

■ Final acceptance Quality Assurance (QA) Phone: 556-2114/2116/2117 FAX: 556-6794

North Island Site

General stock and open purchase requisition processing.

Monthly customer service meetings provide an opportunity to share information, address pertinent logistics concerns, and solicit feedback from our customers. Line and maintenance community participation is encouraged.

Hope to see you at our next meeting:

Naval Station Site -- Second Tuesday, each month, 2:00 p.m., Bldg. 116 NAVSTA, large conference room.

North Island Site -- First Thursday, each month, 1:00 p.m., Bldg. 318-2 NAS NI, Learning Center.

New Customer Service Officer

CAPT Keith Fargo is the new Customer Services Officer, FISC SD Code 100, relieving CDR Ernie Anastos. CDR Anastos transerred to FISC Planning Department. CAPT Fargo is reporting from Strategic Systems Programs. He brings valuable experience to his new assignment. CAPT Fargo looks forward to assisting you and can be reached at COMM (619) 532-2099, DSN 522-2099.

Equipment Containing Hazardous Fluid Turn-in Update

"F" Condition Material

When turning in equipment (cylinders, valves, pumps, struts, tanks etc) that contain hazardous fluids (oil, fuel, hydraulic fluids etc), they must be drained and purged prior to turn-in.

Any fluid left in equipment becomes hazardous waste and requires special handling and "Hazardous Waste" marking and labeling before you transport the fluid to an approved hazardous waste facility.

Advanced Traceability and Control (ATAC) is not a hazardous waste facility and cannot comply with hazardous waste requirements.

San Diego Purchasing Office

Do's and Don'ts

- ② **Do** order as far in advance as possible to allow the best quality and availability.
- © **Do** provide the five digit Food Item Code (FIC) and ship location at time of order.
 - ② Do order by case quantity, not pounds.
- © **Do** check your ship's plan of the week to make sure that there is no conflict with other evolutions, such as GQ, weapons onload or offload, and fast cruise.
- © **Do** nofity SDPO immediately of scheduled ship movement or berth shift.
- © **Do** contact SDPO with your questions or comments regarding Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (FF&V) availability, storage, or quality. If there are any discrepancies between your invoice and the material delivered, either shortages or overages, contact SDPO immediately.
- ⊗ Don't order non-FF&V requirement, such as dairy and bakery products, from SDPO. FISC San Diego is the source of supply for these items.
- ② Don't send Naval messages directly to SDPO. SDPO does not have the capability to receive or send message traffic.
- ② Don't use the three digit CARGO code for subsistence items when ordering from SDPO. The SDPO computer does not recognize these codes.
- ® **Don't** place orders directly with commercial vendors unless you are willing to exercise your own contracting authority, pursue ratification of the resulting unauthorized commitment, or pay for the produce yourself.

San Diego Purchasing Office invites orientation and liaison visits from ship and station Supply Officers and leading Mess Management Specialists, and can arrange San Diego produce market field trips for interested customers.

Points of contact:

| SDPO Ordering Desk | (619) | 455-1070 |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| SDPO Team ChiefM. Espinoza | (619) | 455-1791 |
| FISC San Diego Duty Officer | (619) | 556-0421 |



What is UPN in Relation to MEDSURG PV?

One of the difficulties in identifying medical and surgical supplies against specific stock numbers is the lack of a classification system and universal standards. An item can have thousands of ID numbers based on the number of suppliers and hospitals. Unlike the pharmaceutical industry, which has a National Drug Code (NDC) system that can be used to cross reference all similar products.

The Department of Defense has championed the industry initiative for Universal Product Numbers (UPNs) and is the first to require the application of UPNs and bar codes on medical/surgical products. UPN will provide the industry with a system to identify a product by using one number.

Medical product bar code applicability will be required on each purchase under the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC) Distribution and Pricing Agreement (DAPA). The bar code is known as a UPN. This will dramatically reduce or eliminate logistical errors, expedite reorder and provide standardization to the very large and diverse health care industry.

DAPA holders having no intention of applying UPN to their products will be precluded from further awards under the DoD Prime Vendor (PV) Program. DAPAs for the following companies are being canceled and their products is no longer available through PV effective November 20:

- American Medical Research Supplies
- CSA Medical & Orthopedic Equipment, Inc.
- Johnson Brothers Rubber Company
- Margue Company, Inc.

- MEDEX Products Corp.
- MEDI-PLAST Int'l
- Medtrax Industries
- Safetyaid, Inc.

If you happen to be using products from these companies, DPSC would like you to take this opportunity to find either functional equivalents for the items or alternate sources of supply that are willing to enter DAPA program and bar code their products.

Questions may be directed to the FISC's Medical Liaison Officer, LCDR R. U. Orias, at (619) 556-0445 or to Steve Duda, DPSC DAPA Team, at DSN 444-2872.

Dental Items In PV: The following items are readily available from the Prime Vendor. These are typically used by dental department personnel:

| <u>NSN</u> | Nomenclature | <u>U/I</u> | <u>PV#</u> | <u>U/P</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 6505-00-106-0875 | Ammonia Inhalant .33ml 12/pg | PG | 2144418 | 1.06 |
| 6505-00-132-3600 | Oil, Orange NF 1oz | BT | 1244532 | 3.87 |
| 6505-00-133-0870 | Oil, Peppermint NF 1oz | BT | 2181311 | 3.87 |
| 6505-00-153-8480 | Hydrogen Peroxide 3% 1pt | BT | 1238286 | .48 |
| 6505-00-601-8965 | Sterile Water 1000ml 12/pg | PG | 2164499 | 8.37 |
| 6505-00-963-5355 | Dexamethasone Inj. 25/pg | PG | 1649102 | 8.84 |
| 6505-01-064-5769 | Benzocaine Oral Topical 1oz | BT | 2727808 | 4.32 |
| 6505-01-146-1139 | Lidocaine 2% w/Epi.1:100,000 | PG | 1380369 | 14.99 |
| 6505-01-146-7793 | Xylocaine 2% w/Epi.1:50,000 | PG | 1380088 | 14.91 |
| 6505-01-242-9149 | Polocaine 3% Mepivacaine HCl | PG | 2225852 | 28.28 |
| 6505-01-378-2884 | Chlorhexidine Gluconate 16oz | BT | 3261443 | 4.24 |
| DOC in Dagger Mala | on at COMM (610) 556 0442 DON 5 | 26 0442 | | |

POC is Peggy Nelson at COMM (619) 556-0443, DSN 526-0443.

Sobriety Check Points for the Holiday Season

Historically, holiday periods are marked by family gatherings, parties, and unfortunately an increase in the number of driving under the influence (DUI) incidents. Additionally, over the past year more than 16,000 americans died in vehicle mishaps/collisions involving drivers impaired by alcohol.

This year, during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods, Naval Station will conduct sobriety check points as a proactive measure to keep drunk drivers off the roads. These check points may be the last chance to prevent shipmates from killing themselves or others.

Sobriety check points will be held on the following dates in 1996 and 1997:

December 10, 13 - 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 27 - 31, and January 1 - 2.

Have a safe and sober holiday season.

Procurement Tips...

Shipboard Habitability

Definition

Habitability is defined as the characteristic of a ship which determines the environment under which the officers and crew live and the facilities provided for service. Environment includes compartment, traffic control, furniture design, air conditioning, lighting, deck covering, color schemes, and acceptable noise levels. Services include commissary, messing, sanitation, laundry, dry cleaning, barber and tailor ship, store, post office and recreation facilities. Supplies/Materials include bulkhead sheathing or finish materials, overhead sheathing, deck coverings, furniture and furniture related items, interior paints and adhesives. Approved supplies are listed in the NAVSEA Habitability Materials List, Revision K. (May 1996).

Furniture and Services Equipment

Shipboard furniture and services equipment must conform to Navy standards for durability, size, weight, fire retardation, maintainability, and safety to withstand conditions at sea without impacting adversely on space, weight and safety considerations. All furniture and services equipment ordered for use aboard U.S. Navy ships must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Item is contained within one of the listed catalogs:
 - U.S. Navy Shipboard Furniture Catalog*
 - Naval Shipboard Food Service Equipment Catalog*
 - Naval Shipboard Laundry & Dry Cleaning Catalog*
- Item is the subject of a NAVSEA type of standard drawing.
- Item has been approved for shipboard use by the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division, Philadelphia (NSWC-CD) in writing. The following points of contact apply:

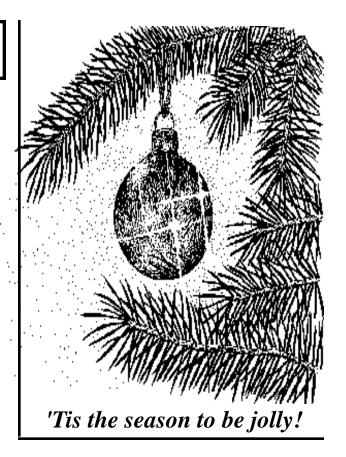
| Berths and Furniture | Bob Vasinda | (215)897-7654 |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Facilities Maintenance | Janice Murphy | 7854 |
| Food Service | Jim Brechka | 7311 |
| Laundry/Dry Cleaning | Joe Bowen | 7925 |
| Sanitary Fixtures | . Mike Marchesani | 7653 |
| Stowages/Stowage Aids | Mario Germani | 7340 |
| | | |

*Open purchase requisitions for items in one of the catalogs listed above must include the Catalog Title ____, Revision ____, Chapter ____, Section ____, Sheet ____, etc.

Note: FISC does not have the authority to procure supplies or services that do not meet one of the three criteria listed above.

Stock Numbered Items

Not all items of furniture and services equipment approved for shipboard use have National Stock Numbers (NSNs). NSNs are only assigned to high demand items, and are not proof of suitability aboard ship. For



example, furniture and services equipment listed in the GSA Supply Catalog have NSNs, however, these items are not approved for shipboard use.

Procurement of Major Renovations

Independent government estimates are those in which SUPSHIP representatives come on board to conduce preliminary evaluations and estimates of jobs required by the activity. Requests for independent Government estimates can be accomplished by submitting a 4790/2K to Readiness Support Group (RSG) describing the services required. Independent Government estimates are required on the following types of renovations:

- Design services
- Renovation of spaces
- Structural changes
- Relocation of cabinets or shelving

There are cases where independent Government estimates are not required. Estimates can be obtained from vendors, however, requisitions must contain a detailed statement of work done by the ship. Examples are:

- Galley and Laundry equipment or repairs
- Renovation items
- Reupholstery services
- Other non-construction services and supplies

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Ship In the Spotlight

USS VINCENNES (CG-49)

USS VINCENNES (CG-49) was built in Ingalls Ship-building Division of Litton Industries, Pascagoula, Mississippi. Its christening was on April 14, 1984, and it was commissioned on July 6, 1985 by Mrs. Marilyn Quayle, wife of former Vice President of the United States, Dan Quayle.

USS VINCENNES is the fourth capital warship to bear this name and a city in Indiana, 55 miles south of Terre Haute. The city is the site of the old Fort Vincennes, captured during the American Revolution in 1779 by George Rogers Clark. The first VINCENNES was one of ten Sloops-of-War to be authorized by Congress in 1825. For 41 years, it compiled an outstanding record of unprecedented achievements in polar exploration, global circumnavigation and distinguished service in the War Between the States. The second VINCENNES, designated (CA-44), was a heavy cruiser commissioned in 1937. It fought valiantly during General Jimmy Doolittle's raid on Tokyo, the Battle of Midway, the landing at Guadalcanal, and finally, at the Battle of Savo Island. The third VINCENNES (CL-64) was commissioned in January 1944 and fought brilliantly throughout the Pacific in battles off Guam, the Philippines, Okinawa, and Formosa. During the closing months of World War II, VINCENNES became legendary for her successes against Japanese aircraft. Obviously, we have a long and rich tradition and a patriotic city in Indiana which we can reflect on for inspiration and dedication.

The present VINCENNES is the first of the United States Navy's Aegis cruisers of the Ticonderoga-Class to enter the Pacific Fleet. VINCENNES is a 567-foot cruiser which incorporates many of the hull and engineering features of the Spruance-Class (DD 963) destroyers. The Combat System is based on the Aegis Weapon System. This combination optimizes speed and economy, while making VINCENNES one of the most powerfun warships in the world today. VINCENNES carries a formidable array of both offensive and defensive weapons and electronic systems. The ship provides anti-air warfare protection in a "multi-threat" environment and can counter air, surface, subsurface and shore-based threats simultaneously.

Upon commissioning in 1985, VINCENNES entered the Pacific Fleet via the Panama Canal and participated in the testing and development of the SM-2 Block II surface-to-air missile. In May 1986, VINCENNES participated in the multinational exercise RIMPAC 86, coordinating the Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) efforts of two aircraft carriers and over forty ships from five nations.

VINCENNES deployed in August 1986 to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans. During this "first-ever" Pacific deployment of an Aegis cruiser, VINCENNES served as AAW Commander with both USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) and USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62) Battle Groups. It also operated jointly with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force and the Royal Austrialian Navy. VINCENNES steamed over 46,000 miles in waters from the Bering Sea to the Indian Ocean.

On April 20, 1988, during Fleet Exercise 88-1, VINCENNES was given unexpected orders to proceed back to San Diego and make preparations to leave on a six-month deployment. One month later, the ship entered the Persian Gulf, to become part of the Joint Task Force in the Persian Gulf. During the course of this assignment she made fourteen transits of the Straits of Hormuz in support of Operation "Earnest Will."

In February of 1990, VINCENNES deployed on a third sixmonth tour of the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans. In addition to covering the fleet with the "Aegis Sheild" and coordinating all Battle Group air events, VINCENNES served as the Command and Control Flagship during Harpoon-Ex-90. VINCENNES spent more time at sea during deployment than any other ship in the Battle Group. In July 1990, VINCENNES returned home after steaming nearly 100,000 miles. It deployed with SH-60S LAMPS MK III Anti-Submarine helicopters from HSL-45 Det 13. The embarked LAMPS detachment was a tremendous asset and performed superbly in its Anti-Submarine Warfare and Anti-Submarine Warfare roles.

In August of 1991 VINCENNES departed for its fourth Western Pacific deployment. Transiting with the USS INDE-PENDENCE (CV-62), VINCENNES performed duties as the Anti-Air Warfare Commander for Battle Group Delta until detaching to participate as the United States representative in MERCUBEX 91, a joint United States and Singaporean exercise. Over the next three months, VINCENNES participated in the bilateral exercise VALIANT BLITZ with the South Korean Navy, the bilaterial exercise ANNUALEX 03G with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force, and ASWEX

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92-1K with the South Korean Navy before reaching Hong Kong to act as the United States representative for the Navy Days ceremonies. VINCENNES returned from deployment on the December 21, 1991.

In June of 1994, VINCENNES departed on its fifth Western Pacific deployment. Transiting with the USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) Battle Group, VINCENNES performed duties as Anti-Air Warfare Commander for the Battle Group. During deployment, VINCENNES conducted an Anti-Submarine exercise, PASSEX 94-2, with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, the bilateral exercise MERCUB 94-2, a joint United States and Singaporean Navy exercise of the Malaysian peninsula, the bilateral exercise KEEN EDGE, with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force, and TANDEM THRUST, a large scale joint exercise which it participated as the Area Air Defense Coordinator for the entire joint operating area. VINCENNES returned from deployment on the December 22, 1994.

The present VINCENNES (CG49) has established a reputation for excellence over its nine years of distinguished

service, and has remained on the "cutting edge" of operational, tactical and experimental naval developments since commissioning. VINCENNES has successfully fired more than 57 surface-to-air missiles, 26 anti-submarine weapons, 5,000 five-inch gun projectiles and two Harpoon anti-ship missiles.

In addition to performing duties as the Battle Group Anti-Air Warfare Commander during its five Western Pacific Deployments, VINCENNES has been awarded the Navy Meritorious Unit Citation, the Battle "E" three times, the Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with four stars.

VINCENNES is commanded by CAPT Craig H. Murray, assisted by the Executive Officer LCDR William R. Ault. The Supply Officer is LCDR Kevin J. Maher, the Food Service Officer is LTJG James E Farrens, and the Disbursing/Sales Officer is ENS Rick T. Hensley.

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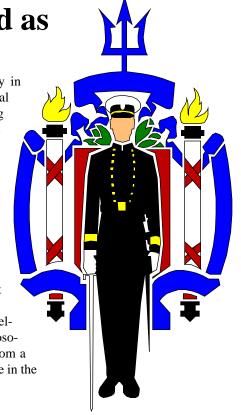
WASHINGTON (NWSA) -- "We do not need to reinvent the Navy in response to the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)," wrote Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jay Johnson in a November 15 message to all Navy flag officers. "We are and will continue to be highly relevant, have the correct vision and appropriate force structure, modernization and infrastructure to meet the nation's defense strategy."

Johnson sent the message in preparation for the upcoming QDR, which is envisioned as a comprehensive examination of defense strategy, force structure, modernization plans, infrastructure and other issues. Congress, in the FY97 Defense Authorization Act, directed DOD to conduct a QDR every four years, with the first report due on May 15, 1997.

"The Navy/Marine Corps team makes valuable contributions," he wrote.
"Our forward deployed forces serve as our principal means of peacetime

engagement, conflict prevention/deterrence and crisis response keeping out nation from war."

The CNO also stated the Navy remains committed to the concepts developed in "Forward... From the Sea," which details the Navy's operational philosophies in the post-Cold War world. These philosophies represent a shift from a "blue water" Navy environment to one which focuses on landward influence in the littoral regions of the world.



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